Four New Races of Malaysian Birds

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Anthreptes macularia natunensis subsp. nov.

Characters.—In colour most like *A. m. macularia* Blyth, of the Malay Peninsula, but the bill larger and the throat more finely marked.

Type.—Adult male, collected on Bunguran Island, North Natuna Islands, on 27th August, 1928, by F. N. Chasen.

External measurements.—Total length, 144; tail, 50; wing, 66.7; tarsus, 17; bill from gape, 23; culmen, 18.1 mm.

Iris, brown; bill, brownish black; feet, brownish green.

Specimens examined.—Six males from the type locality, compared with thirty-eight of the typical form.

Wings.—66.7, 67, 68,—, 68, — mm.

Remarks.—Large-billed races of sunbirds on small islands in Malaysia are usual. In the present case the smallest bill shewn by the Natuna series is about equal to that of most males from the Malay Peninsula.

Stachyris nigriceps hartleyi subsp. nov.

Characters.—A pale, dull race, nearer to *borneensis* than to the Malayan (*davisoni*), and Sumatran (*larvata*) forms. Under parts less tinged with orange-buff than in *borneenis;* chin and throat slightly paler than in most *borneensis;* lores, forehead, and crown markedly paler, nearer to uniform grey and less variegated.

Type.—Adult male, collected on Mt. Poi, West Sarawak, 5,000 feet, on 20th October, 1923, by Dr. E. Mjöberg.

Specimens examined.—Five from Mt. Penrissen, 3,400–4,800 feet, and two from Mt. Poi, 4,350–5,000 feet, but of these, three skins, collected in 1899, have altered so much in colour that in *general tone* they are now inseparable from *borneensis.*

Wings.—64.5 (type), 62, 62, 62, 62 and 65 mm.

Eurylaimus javanicus pallidus subsp. nov.

Characters.—Like *E. j. harterti* Van Oort, of North-east Sumatra, but paler on the head and under parts.

Type.—Adult male in the Raffles Museum, collected at Kao Nawng, Bandon, North-east Malay Peninsula, on 19th June, 1913, by H. C. Robinson and E. Seimund. Wing, 105 mm.

Remarks.—A bird from South Annam is very like two birds from the type locality of this new race. A large series from the Malay States is nearer to *pallidus* than to *harterti*.

Pachycephala hypoxantha sarawacensis subsp. nov. ZRC-3.4320

Characters.—Like *P. h. hypoxantha* Sharpe, from Mt. Kinabalu, North Borneo, but the under parts more uniformly yellow. In the typical form the throat and breast are washed with green: this darkening is much less noticeable in *sarawacensis*, especially on the sides of the breast.

Type.—Adult female in the Sarawak Museum, collected on Mt. Poi, West Sarawak, 5,200 feet, on 22nd October, 1923, by Dr. E. Mjöberg. Wing, about 83 mm.

Specimens examined.—Four specimens from Mt. Poi compared with fifty exact topotypes of the typical form.

Wings.—83, 86, 87, 88 mm.